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SUBJECT: League of Women Voters

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Date 11/13/85

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-1)

FROM: SAC, BOSTON (229B-2) (P)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA (CPUSA), GENERAL
FCI - R (CPUSA);
OO: NEW YORK

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Reference New York airtel to Bureau, February 25, 1983, and Boston airtel to Bureau, September 4, 1984.

Unless otherwise noted, all information contained in this communication may be attributed to [redacted] Asset may be described as having provided reliable information in the past. Information regarding the NORTH AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR AMERICAN/SOVIET FRIENDSHIP (NCASF) and its Boston affiliate, the GREATER BOSTON COMMITTEE FOR AMERICAN/SOVIET FRIENDSHIP (GBCASF), may be attributed to [redacted] This asset likewise may be characterized as having provided reliable information in the past.

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I. ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE

A. District and/or State Organization Headquarters:

1. Name and Address of District:

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT (NED), 550 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts. The NED is known locally as the CENTER FOR MARXIST EDUCATION (CME) and is located on the second floor of a three story commercial

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at large, thereby lessening its influence over the younger generation. [redacted] lamented the passing of pizza and rollerskating parties put on by the CPUSA and its youth club, the YCL. b7C

Note: Last year's Boston report on the CP carried a special section on CPUSA support for [redacted] Basically [redacted] has been the subject of a closed 157 investigation by the Boston Division and has traveled on several occasions to Cuba. He has been a frequent attendee at CPUSA functions.

In November, 1984, it was learned that the HALL/DAVIS election would be subject to an extended period of analysis which will go on at both local and national levels. It was suggested that it might be better to focus on international problems for a while and leave domestic issues alone. It was also stated that it was necessary for the CP to plan its strategy for the 1988 Presidential campaign now.

During January, 1985, the CPUSA NED published a draft report by District Organizer [redacted] which sought to examine issues relating to the 1984 Presidential election. Excerbs follow. Commenting on the campaign itself, [redacted] advised: b7C

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"In our communist electoral work, we have several concrete goals. One, build the largest possible political rally around the appearance of ANGELA DAVIS on October 13. This would include the mass outreach to build the rally and assuring the best possible political content of the rally."

"Two, distribute ten thousand copies of the brochures by GUS HALL."

"Three, run an abridged version of the above article in a number of selected newspapers."

"Four, maximize the impact of the LAURA ROSS campaign as an open communist instrument in the anti-REAGAN movement."

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"I believe that we can agree that we successfully completed three of these tasks, and nearly completed the other. We distributed eight thousand copies of the pamphlet. We placed an ad in the Bay State Banner, the Item, the Brighton, Massachusetts, paper, and Cambridge, Massachusetts, paper, the Somerville, Massachusetts, paper, the Watertown, Massachusetts, paper, and the main paper of Burlington, Vermont. Money was not raised in a timely fashion for these ads except in the case of the Roxbury-Dorchester and Somerville clubs. And we did not even have the information for the Western Massachusetts selection until the last week of the campaign."

Speaking about the LAURA ROSS campaign [redacted] advised: b7C

"Our communist congressional candidate, LAURA ROSS, completed her campaign successfully, registered 15,668 votes--over 2½ times the vote in

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the last campaign. This was 8 percent of the vote for congress in the eighth congressional district. Some of the vote is due, of course, to the tremendous signature drive both for LAURA ROSS and for GUSS HALL and ANGELA DAVIS waged in the eighth congressional district. Nearly 20,000 residents of the eighth congressional district had signed for communist candidates and many more received communist election materials. LAURA's campaign itself distributed over 10,000 flyers, posted posters, and ran ads in nine community newspapers. LAURA's positions appeared in election supplement prepared by the LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS and interviews with LAURA appeared in many newspapers."

Regarding other congressional districts, [redacted] advised:

"We need to run communist candidate for congressional office in 1986. Running outside the context of the Presidential campaign, the congressional campaign will find it more difficult to generate a high vote than we did in this campaign, unless we can successfully couple congressional campaign with a mass political movement as we did in this campaign."

"Our most recent experience in the 1984 election points out a problem we have not successfully solved regarding our style of work. We must work to develop our communist campaigns and we must work to develop our party's work with mass united front activities."

Regarding the plans for 1985, [redacted] asserted:

"The club plans of work are presented to club conferences which should be scheduled for January and February, 1985. The District Committee at its next meeting will approve and circulate to the clubs a draft plan of work on the work of the District. This should be useful in helping the clubs, commissions, and committees in developing their plans of work."

"The upcoming municipal elections will feature strongly in our work in 1985. Boston, Somerville, Cambridge, New Bedford, Fall River, and Springfield, we must have a party approach to these elections, including a communist candidate for the city council in Boston municipal elections. We must have concrete plans in addition to support the candidates of Afro-American, Puerto Rican, women, peace, and trade union candidates."

"The defense of the trade union movement must be an important feature in our work. We must develop plans to assist contract fights in GE and for work to develop the trade union left in 1985."

"The activity of an ongoing and outgoing peace movement must be an important feature of our 1985 plan of work. We must take the initiative for a new round of community speakouts on peace and economic justice and make certain that referendums and other activities are initiated."

"The Twelfth World Festival of Youth and Students to be held in Moscow from July 27 through August 3 must be an important feature of work.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (25-567054)

DATE: 9/13/68

FROM: [redacted]AC, PHILADELPHIA (25-38895) (P)

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Draft Card Burning and Protest
Demonstration, Independence Hall,
Philadelphia, Pa., 10/16/67
SSA, 1948
SEDITION - CONSPIRACY
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Enclosed for the information of the Bureau are two copies of a list of names and organizations compiled by the Civil Disobedience Unit, Philadelphia Police Department, Philadelphia, Pa., from various items of literature obtained from the Philadelphia Anti Draft Union Office, 1515 South Street, Philadelphia, Pa., by officers of the Civil Disobedience Unit, early in April 1968, after they secured admission to the premises through the rental agent, thereafter the Philadelphia Anti Draft Union had vacated the premises.

The enclosed list was furnished by Lieutenant [redacted] Civil Disobedience Unit, Philadelphia Police Department, Philadelphia, Pa., on 8/27/68.

Philadelphia is merely furnishing the enclosed to the Bureau for information and indexing purposes, and in view of the lapse of time between the securing of this material by the Civil Disobedience Unit and the furnishing thereof to the FBI, Philadelphia is making no further dissemination thereof UACB. Philadelphia has made appropriate indexing of this list within its division.

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Education Fund Project
2102 South St.
Philadelphia, Pa.

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